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The present case is subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner requires Applicant to elect a species to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim to the genus is found to be allowable. The Examiner indicated that, in addition to generic claims 1 and 17-19, the present case contains three patentably distinct species: Species 1, including claims 2-3, related to the embodiment of Figure 1; Species 2, including claims 4-9, related to the embodiment of Figure 2; Species 3, including claims 10-16, related to the embodiment of Figure 3.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.146, Applicant hereby elects Species 1, including claims 2-3, related to the embodiment of Figure 1.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, please proceed with substantive examination of all generic claims and the elected claims, including claims 1, 2-3, and 17-19.

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